

TGEI Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 22, 2005

Members Present

Buddy Lea, Vice Chair
Brian Derrick
Lynn Goodman, Ex-Officio
George Zukotynski
Karen Hale
Renee Jackson
Sam Chessor
Gabrielle Chapman
Carol Freeman
Marva Bradford

Members Absent

Joe Swinford, Chair
Tommy Chester, Past Chair
Brenda White
Nancy Bernstein
Tracy Stinson
Mike Dedmon
Tracy Carter
Mike Hayes

Call to Order

The April Steering Committee meeting was called to order at 11:35 AM.

Minutes

A motion was made by Brian Derrick to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2005 steering committee meeting. Buddy Lea seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved as posted.

Old Business

TGI Website – Carol Freeman gave a report on the status of the changes. She expressed that the project was difficult, but that she would have some changes for us to view at the May Steering Committee meeting. Suggestions were made that entailed providing the most used information on the home page, color schemes, and overall presentation. Carol suggested that we view those at Ellington Ag Center at the next meeting where she had the facilities to provide the options discussed. The committee agreed to move the May 20th TGEI Steering Committee Meeting to TWRA to be held at 3:00 PM. Carol will provide directions to the entire committee.

Endowment Golf Tournament – Brian Derrick gave a report on the status of the tournament. The date has been set. The cost of \$36/person is set and the entry fee was discussed but not set until final details could be discussed next week. Brian expressed that it has been difficult to obtain Celebrities to play and encouraged the committee to seek out Celebrities, as well as to spread the word on the event. A save the day notice did go out the prior week. Lynn stressed the importance of getting entry applications out to the alumni by the next week, as well as having a write-up in the Newsletter. Brian said that he would have both of those items to Lynn by Monday. Suggestions included flyers posted in buildings, as well as email notice. More to follow next week.

Fall Conference – Renee Jackson gave a report on the status of the Fall Conference. October 25th is the scheduled date. Commissioner Goetz is confirmed for the afternoon. The Governor will be requested to speak and the schedule will need to be flexible

for him to attend. The committee is reviewing motivational speakers for the event. The conference will begin around 9:30 since the library will open at 9:00, this will allow folks to arrive early and still be able to get into the building. The theme for the conference will be "Riding the Waves of Change".

The Holiday Breakfast will be December 13th.

Newsletter – Lynn Goodman gave a report on the status of the April Newsletter. It is ready to submit to the alumni. She is awaiting articles for the golf tournament and the fall conference. Lynn also requested the committee to be thinking about a spotlight article for the Summer Newsletter.

New Business

TGEI Class of 2005 – Lynn Goodman gave a status report. The letters have been sent out and have a May 13th deadline. Lynn encouraged members to get the word out and get applications to her ASAP. Class of 2005 orientation will be set for July 14th. Lynn requested members of the committee to review candidates. TGMI announcements will be made on April 26th.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:40 PM. The next meeting was set for Friday, May 20, at 3:00 PM at the Ellington Agricultural Center.